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Note to Editors

NEW LANGLEY DIRECTOR TO HOLD MEDIA ROUNDTABLE

News media are invited to meet with newly named Langley Research Center Director, General Roy D. Bridges, at a roundtable discussion Tuesday, August 19, at 10:30 a.m. EDT in the NASA Langley Headquarters, Building 1219.

Bridges, a former astronaut, retired Air Force officer and former director of NASA's Kennedy Space Center, Fla., was named to the top Langley post by NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe in June and he began his new position August 11. Bridges' first order of business is to develop the newly established NASA Engineering and Safety Center (NESC) at Langley.

"The NESC will provide a robust complement of independent technical expertise to examine and address potential risks in major NASA programs and projects and it will coordinate comprehensive engineering and safety assessments across the entire Agency," said Bridges. "Establishment of this independent capability for NASA is my highest priority."

Interested media should call Margarette Pitts at 757-864-6124 by 4 p.m. EDT, Monday, Aug. 18, to make arrangements for credentials and entry to the Center. A limited number of reporters unable to travel to NASA's Hampton, Va., facility may tie in via telecon by advising Ms. Pitts of their affiliation and phone number.

More information about the Langley Research Center can be found at:

http://www.larc.nasa.gov